



## did you know?

- Iron County is home to the Tony-Award-winning Utah Shakespearean Festival.
- Although Cedar City is by far Iron County's largest township, Parowan is home of the county seat.
- The 2000 Census reveals that almost 700 Iron County residents commute to Washington County for work.
- Brian Head Ski Resort, located in Iron County, has been honored as a "Top Family Getaway" by the Family Travel Forum.

Iron County is often overshadowed by its larger neighbor to the south. However, the county's recent expansion certainly deserves attention in its own right. In 2004, Iron County exhibited the third-fastest population growth in Utah and it has consistently ranked among Utah's fastest-growing counties for the past decade.

Take a quick look at Iron County's labor market and you'll discover an economy that is much more diversified than the average nonurban area. Manufacturing plays a particularly important role in providing jobs with an even higher percentage than the state as a whole. Of course, in recessionary periods, this can work to the county's detriment since manufacturing is typically hard-hit by a business downturn. Iron County is host to Southern Utah University which contributes to its younger-than-average

median age, its well-educated population, its high level of government employment, and perhaps its lower-than-average wages (an abundant, young labor force generally keeps labor prices lower).

Iron County's economy has recently shaken off the bands of recession. Employment, construction activity, and sales indicators currently reflect a healthy and vibrant economy. ⓘ

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